THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

WRIT PETITION No.16670 OF 2007

ORAL ORDER:

The petitioner herein was granted a passport No.A3101627 on 25.4.2007, which was valid upto 22.4.2007. Even prior to the expiry of the passport, he made an application on 22.2.2007 for renewal of his passport. Pursuant thereto, by letter dated 17.5.2007 the 2nd respondent while informing that as per police report a criminal case is pending against him, called upon the petitioner to furnish the details. Immediately, the petitioner addressed a letter dated 26.5.2007 stating that it is a fact that C.C.No.5 of 2003 is pending before the Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Nampally, Hyderabad, relating to deposits in Prudential Co-operative Urban Bank Limited, Secunderabad. It is further stated that he was granted anticipatory bail in the said case and there is no order by any Court preventing him from going abroad. It is also brought to the notice of the 2nd respondent that the said fact was revealed in his application for renewal itself and therefore his passport may be renewed as requested. However, so far, the 2nd respondent has not passed any order. Aggrieved by the said inaction on the part of the 2nd respondent, this writ petition has been filed.

Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri A. Radhakrishna, who accepted notice for the 2nd respondent, and having regard to the fact that the request of the petitioner is still pending consideration before the 2nd respondent, without expressing any opinion as to the entitlement of the petitioner for renewal of passport, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the 2nd respondent to consider the explanation submitted by the petitioner in his letter dated 26.5.2007 and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law on his application for renewal of passport as expeditiously as possible preferably within a

period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

(G. ROHINI, J.)

6th August, 2007.
Issue CC in three days.
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Between:

Dundoo Vinod Kumar. .. Petitioner.

And

The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi and another. .. Respondents.